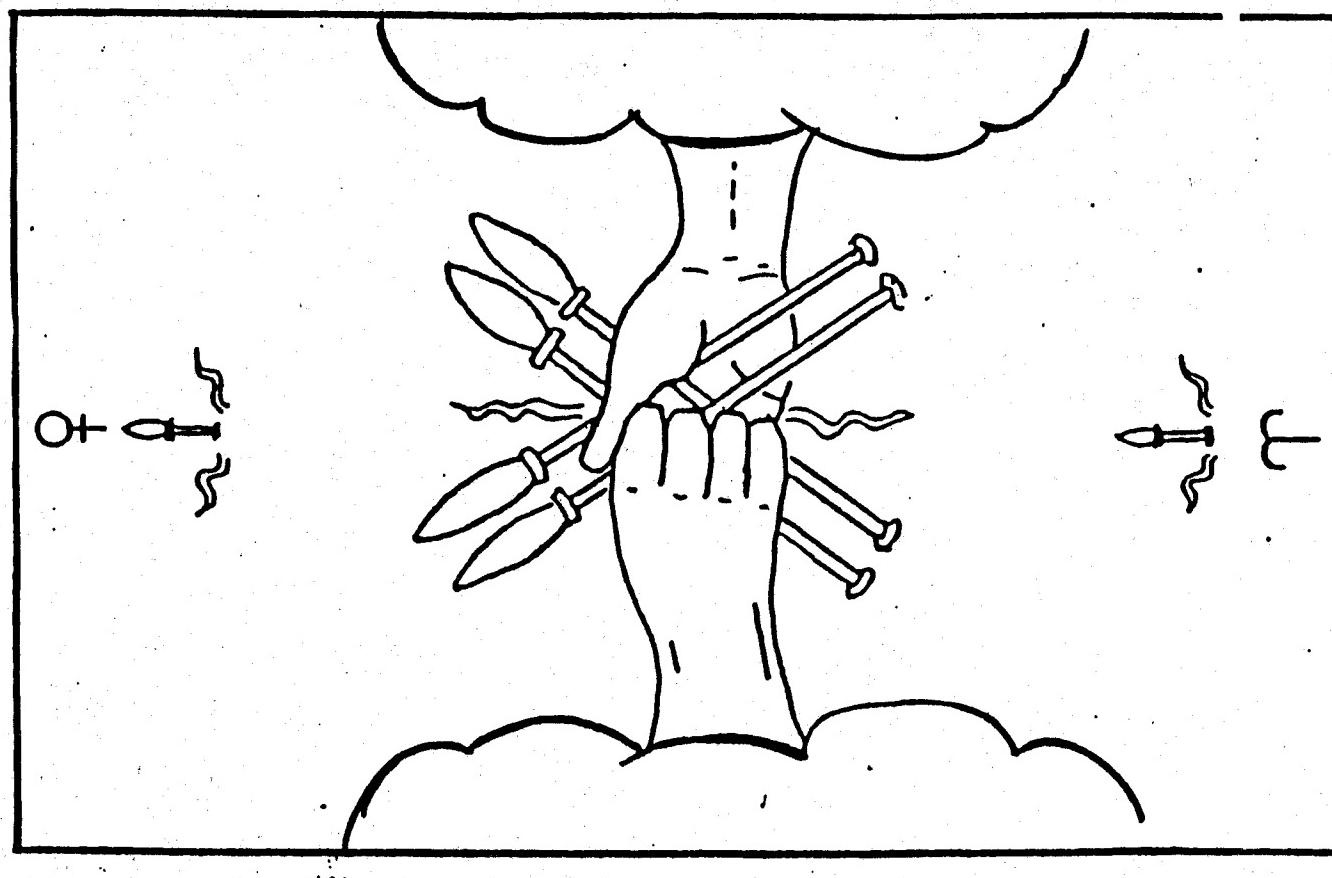


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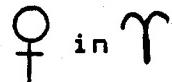


LESSON 55

4 OF WANDS

"Lord of Perfected Work"

20 to 30 degrees Aries



Two white radiating angelic hands, as before, issuing from clouds right and left of the card and clasped in the centre with the grip of the First Order holding four batons crossed. Flames issue from the point of junction - as they do above and below.

While one hand can hold only a maximum of three batons, two hands can comfortably hold four. This shows the peaceful and harmonious marriage of opposites, the two hands, showing the completion of the merging of two interfacing forces into a common unit which is perfection of the work (at this level) - thus, the fourth principle has now been born out of the 3 of Wands.

The four batons complete a cross, or an 'X' as it is sometimes referred to as. This cross makes four divisions alluding to the four points of the universe. On earth these are shown as the four elements and in this case, as this card is in the fire element, the commencement of the four elements in their primordial form. As it continues to say in the "Emerald Tablet":

"Its Father is the Sun and its Mother the Moon. The Wind has borne in its body. Its nurse is the Earth."

and the name "Lord of Perfected Work" seems the most appropriate

title for the 4 of Wands.

The double cross is also the symbol for Ashes or Cinders. Many are aware of the symbology of the Phoenix rising out of the Ashes. The same principle applies here, but when looking in the direction of descension it is the preparation of the indwelling Self to be born into the Soul's lower nature, and in time will eventually arise out of the ashes, as the Phoenix did. Of course when looking at this card with the concept of ascension one sees the Phoenix arise as the birth of the Higher Self. Ashes also representeth the sign of death which is rather appropriate due to the death of one part of the self for the sake of another, and in this there is sorrow and loss. Used in ritual, ashes were not only used to purify, but in a sense used to show respect for the departed.

From pure expression in the previous cards the 4 of Wands begins the cycle of tangible achievement alluding to the divine Spark within man. The cross within a square is the symbol of perfection in Matter: "I am the Manifester in Matter of those whose abode is the Invisible. I am purified. I stand Upon the Universe. I am the reconciler with the Eternal Gods. I am perfection in Matter, and without me the Universe is not."

The 4 of Wands is coloured in the King Scale. The wands are the colour of the planet, Paris Green and the backdrop of the card is coloured the colour of the zodiac sign, Blood Red. The Clouds and hands are in brilliant white outlined and shaped with

the red of the fire element showing the presence of spirit manifesting through fire. The flames coming from the wands and hands are the complementary colour to the backdrop, Vivid Green.

The rays of Paris Green stabilise the volatile Blood Red of Aries which giveth an end product of order, thereby social order is infiltrated into the sphere of activity of those subjected to this combined ray. Cultural values are initiated and religious beliefs formed, for into the volatile red impregnates asthetism. The gestation is now complete in the womb and all the past actions and experiences of mankind have become a part of all cellular structure.

The 4 of Wands has Venus in Aries attributed. Venus in Aries shows a projection of one that demands attention, has active creativity in artistic pursuits and stimulates enthusiasm, or excitement in social gatherings. It pursues social events and congenial company, and loves the idea of love giving freely of emotions, at times appearing aggressive in approach. Popularity and extravagance comes easy to Venus in Aries, but favours and appreciation fluctuates as the grass is always greener on the other side.

This all sounds quite a contrast to the essential meaning of the 4 of Wands, but when you look at the 4 of Wands as it is in the fire element, you can see how all the above basic representations are of Venus in Aries. For example, the demanding of attention becomes authority and the wielding of power - "I will

speak and you will listen"; the effects it has on social gatherings becomes catalytic, spurring others on to new heights; the emotions when working through Atziluth become that of Love for all creation which loves with a selfless passion, but has no pity or compassion. Venus acting in the fire element is drawn away from material, personalized values, giving it a more universal and harmonizing tune.

Chesed of Yod (settlement, arrangement, completion).

DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF the Physical Body; SelfMood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

The 4 of Wands in this position represents the expression of "what is" and not "what will be", as all one is, is what one expresses. This in itself is fine when working within a confined structure but the element of creation is very limited. This expression is its own completeness, is harmonic, values beauty and fine things and can work within its own confined structures creatively. Therefore one must not underestimate this card when it turns up under the above matters. Just realize that there are limits, its energies are not boundless. Within this position are the seeds for decadence and elitism. The 4 of Wands warns that one must use what one has then open oneself to ideas; this is not all there is. The Key word is "Limitation".

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

The 4 of Wands under the above matters tells that all is under control. To possess is of great importance - look out anyone trying to take anything away. One judges others by what they possess, physically, mentally and spiritually, and at the most, materially. The time is favourable to attend to personal business and financial affairs. The 4 of Wands represents a time of satisfaction in activities past, present and with whats to come, but this satisfaction can lead to so much comfort that one forgets to concentrate on growth, wasting energy on trivialities and indulgences. "To Possess".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

A lot of energy is applied in travelling to social engagements and pleasure taken thereof. There will be ease in relationships and general happiness in relationships with brothers, sisters, relations and neighbours. Concerning education and writings this is not ones forte' as the 4 of Wands represents a state of being. Being content in what one is, what one knows,

and through this shrugs off education opportunities. It also represents the manifestation of artistic literary skills, an outlet of which must be provided. The key word for the 4 of Wands under the above matters is "Contentment".

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in lifes directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

On the above matters the 4 of Wands represents a very close tie to the family even to the point of clannish behaviour, domestic tranquility and the home being a place of gathering of many social activities. Matters of the occult verge on the unconscious ready to burst forth just before the Phoenix rises from the ashes. In this position the querent is advised that it is time to act as all is made ready, and is in order; it is time to initiate for the candidate is ready; it is time for illumination and stirrings have already commenced.

The Keyword is "Readiness".

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

The 4 of Wands under these matters shows a combination of recklessness and compromise. Behaviour can sway either way. It is up to the querent to combine these natures which then can

become quite a virtue providing tangible achievement. This achievement is seen through the above matters expressed through creativity. Administration in sport and other forms of recreation, acting and drama, a premeditated gamble will be taken. It represents the reaching out to others and the free giving of the self in love and to love. From the above we can understand that the 4 of Wands advises that ones future success will be, if the correct act is made not too soon and not too late. "Timing".

ON MATTERS OF sickness (generally due to work problems); employment: employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

The 4 of wands shows that through work the querent will find completeness, and through ones working environment the meeting of others and development of fruitful relationships are achieved. If the querent is not in a situation where this can be achieved then the 4 of Wands advises that you change jobs - move from the debri and make yourself new. Health is good providing the individual doesn't overdo things. Remain calm in temperament otherwise uncontrolled temperamental outbursts can lead to mental and emotional problems. The Thymus gland and areas around the face are also affected. Being conciliatory is the sense of service but this in itself, if not mastered, leads to weakness and abuse. If mastered it can be a virtue when working amongst other people. The 4 of Wands masters this trait through the energies of the fire element. "Conciliation".

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

In essence this position for the 4 of Wands is quite strong. In all of the above matters the expression is positive and represents the aspiration to uplift, to raise the conscious level, thus in peace there is union with fellow humans bridging on an intellectual level, although the main concensus is through the mass consciousness. Through unity the hardest of tasks is achieved. This all comes about if the querent has a clear uncluttered mind looking only towards the 'Light'. On concerns of contracts, partnerships etc., there is a very convincing and inspiring element involved. This makes such affairs hard to turn down. Tread carefully. The Key word is "Fellowship".

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

The 4 of Wands is in its fall in this position, but this is considered fortunate for this card here as its main concentration is on manifestation on the material plane. Thus the weakness of its fall holds all its strength under control. This is done by virtue of becoming. There is no desire or lust or intellectual

calculation, it is just "to be". There is compulsion in action in all matters enquired about. Under matters of finance the 4 of Wands states that fortunate results will come, only if that is the direction they are going in the first place. Crime is committed through ignorance of what one is doing, and likely to be unnoticed. It is favourable to pool your resources and there may be income from wills and legacies, but this does not necessarily mean on a material base. "Continuance".

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

In attainment there is honesty but in attaining there is misconception or avoidance of the truth, for the ultimate is to attain no matter what the cost; so be aware of your motives and actions when receiving the 4 of Wands under the above matters. Here the 4 of Wands represents purely spiritual aspirations and all pursuits of philosophy, religion, art, etc.; journeys into the astral and an attachment to the ideals of other worlds. Application on the physical in study or by physical participation is not indicated, leaving the idealist and dreamer. The querent is advised to apply Will to intention, and not get carried away on unapplied enthusiasm; utilize this energy to create - don't stagnate. The Key word is "enthusiasm".

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached;

achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

The 4 of Wands alludes to a grand happening, the completion of the preparation of a venture, the pinnacle of ones profession; one can go no further at this point. Success. Ambition then leans towards recreation, the arts, retirement. But, it also means the commencement of a new career with honour. One steps in with a composite of past experiences and training fully qualified to meet the new goals. One stage is fulfilled satisfactorily as another commences, but the resources are carried over. The position is transitory neither good nor bad, but influenced by whatever Will directs it. "Carry Over".

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government; counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

In extending loyalty and friendship one reaps loyalty; harmonize with Society's needs and create a sense of purpose saith the 4 of Wands under the above matters. Emotional and intellectual security is found in holistic concepts but concepts that can be neatly slotted into a structure. This card alludes to the healer, the naturopathist or homeopathist. It represents participation in the whole as a "part" will not be accepted and that composite is put into play in service to humanity through counselling, group activities, social functions as a means to an

end. In governmental matters thought must be applied in arming against disorder, and with careful preparation the desired result will be achieved. The Key word is "Purpose".

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

In this position the 4 of Wands represents a magnetic alluring force. This force constantly places stress on one to strive to improve a situation. You can use these energies to enrich others or yourself from others. Health afflictions are lymphatic and loosening of muscles. The 4 of Wands shows that this is a time for solitude to build strength. The unconscious is on the threshhold and it is time to tune in. This is a time for preparation of what is to come so tune up, tune in and learn, for you must be in readiness to pass on to your next life cycle. The secret enemies here are from within as you are your own worst enemy. Concentrate and don't let your mind wander, limit the force and let it build. "Allure".

4 of Wands: "Lord of Perfected Work"

(Third Stage Calcination - Reddening)

- In 1st position: "Limitation"
In 2nd position: "To Possess"
In 3rd position: "Contentment"
In 4th position: "Readiness"
In 5th position: "Timing"
In 6th position: "Conciliation"
In 7th position: "Fellowship"
In 8th position: "Continuance"
In 9th position: "Enthusiasm"
In 10th position: "Carry Over"
In 11th position: "Purpose"
In 12th position: "Allure"

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MEDITATION ON THE FOUR OF WANDS:

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Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations.

Write down your overall impression.

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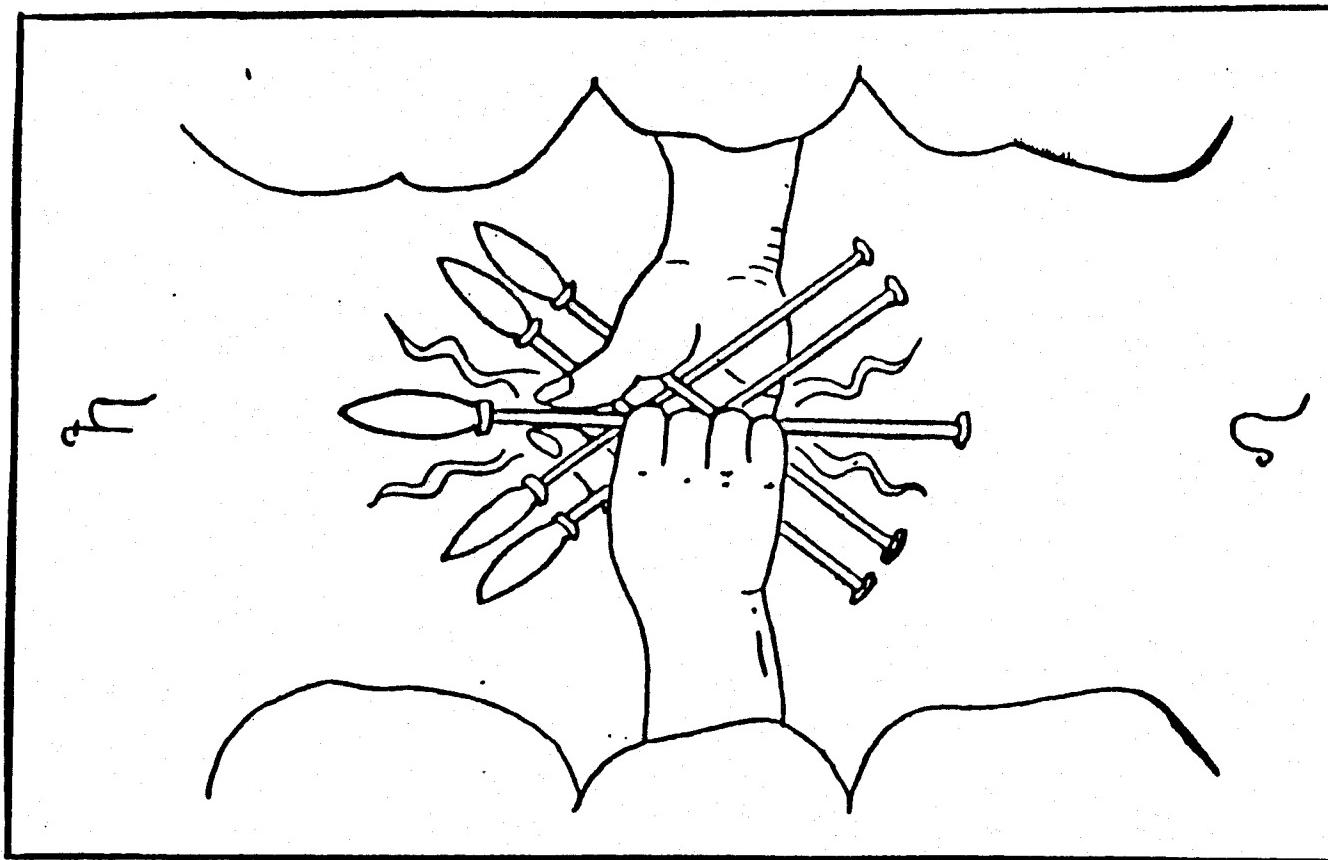
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Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.

LESSON 56

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LESSON 56

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"Lord of Strife"

0 to 10 degrees Leo



Two white radiating angelic hands, issuant per Nubes Dexter and sinister. They are clasped together in the grip of the 1st Order and they hold, at the same time, by their centre, five wands or batons which are similar to the fire Wand of the ZAM. One wand is upright in the middle, the others cross each other. Flames leap from the point of junction.

The position of the wands creates an image of an unbalanced cross, one of corrosion, for the cross draws spirit down manifesting it into matter, the symbol of self sacrifice, and this cross represented by the 5 of Wands is one of imperfection. An overbalance of an element has now entered the situation from what was "perfection in Matter" in the 4 of Wands and has now become "domination of Matter".

The position of the five wands also alludes to the Laborum. The Laborum once appeared to Constantine in a dream and then was taken on as his emblem. It was believed that the emblem put those that wore it under the protection of Christ, and it was believed to represent the first two letters of Christ when written in Greek. It was the Chaldean sky god's emblem and was

considered to be a good omen. The middle upright wand suggests an axial symbol alluding to the "Cosmic Tree". This emblem has also often been inscribed on many tombs, and implements being associated with the Alpha and Omega symbols.

The 5 of Wands symbolises matter united with heaven, or one could say, matter acted on by the quintessence. Energy and life working with great force; man. There is strength and severity working in microcosm but its Will comes from the divine.

"Lord of Strife" is its name and in every way this is what happens when there is too much force creating an over balance of energies. This force is necessary for growth and change, and in time for the gaining of power as will be seen in the 6 of Wands. Here in the 5 of Wands resurrection from the ashes of the 4 of Wands has taken place. With the introduction of the larger wand to the four we find that a large force has disturbed the perfected work of the previous card. The central wand has further unbalanced the situation by having no support, it is not balanced or anchored in any way save by the two opposite polarities of each hand which now are becoming overtaxed.

So again we have pure but violent energy that can be turned in any direction.

"It is the father of every miraculous work in the whole world" (Emerald Tablet).

The 5 of Wands is coloured in the King Scale. The backdrop of this card is coloured Poison Yellow, which is a pure clear yellow tending towards greenish rather than gold. This is the colour of the sign. The wands are coloured in the planet, Light Indigo, otherwise described as Dull Violet. The clouds and hands are of a Brilliant White the presence of the Spirit. The flames issuing from the wands are coloured in the complementary colour to the sign, Rich Violet (Purple).

The Yellow backdrop represents an inexhaustible supply of energy and will power, which combined with the Violet brings forth spiritual power which then channels through into the physical level by concentrated attention. This gives powers of creation and destruction, but through destruction one beholds creation. The emanations from these colours are of a raw state for this card, as each is a complementary to the other, therefore they lack objectivity and humility. It is a fixed single purposed emanation with a concentration of energies on the pillar of severity.

The zodiac sign and planet associated to the 5 of Wands is Saturn in Leo. Now Saturn in Leo represents a life force that must be restructured, as the vitality does not flow as readily as the previous cards. The expression of emotion and creativity is also less spontaneous. Saturn in Leo shows that creativity and the expression of ones essence must be worked at. Areas of difficulty are highlighted where Saturn in Leo are placed. There is a constant struggle for control of the surrounding environment

and this leads to the desire for leadership. This can become dictatorial and demand is made for respect. A concept of justice and universal laws become one sided and there is need for the restructure of ideas along with the building of a proper set of values. There is strong discipline towards children and concern about their education. One thing of significance with Saturn in Leo is the never ending drive to create something tangible. Its expression flows a lot easier when challenges are met in the outside world. To remain within current structures only causes the inevitable and that is discord, a breaking down of such structure causing a battle ground. Allowed to roam free the energies turn to a creative force, and at the most, an uncontrolled force that ploughs through all obstruction. Nevertheless, one that meets challenges on its own ground.

Geburah of Hod (quarrelling - fighting).

DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF the Physical Body; Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

When the 5 of Wands turns up in this position it is saying that its time to 'get it together', time to face up to your true self, to create a new self, physically, psychologically and spiritually. In fact, the 5 of Wands warns that if you don't

take this advice, life circumstances are going to force you to do this anyway. The irony of it is, that the result of your actions now, that manifest in years to come, depend entirely on how open and truthful you are to yourself. This is the time to commence new projects, but projects you will be spending many years on. The life force is restricted during the initial stages but this must compel one to build and improve ones health, changing ones unhealthy way of eating and living. "Restructuring" is the key word for the 5 of Wands in this position.

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

In this position the 5 of Wands shows that a feverish pace is set on oneself to build new skills and through those skills you profit. There is a great deal of stress and tension which has been building up on an internal level. The querent must realize that this is not due to outside influences, but due to internal energies, needs, desires and the Will to get on. The querent must learn to deal with such energies and apply them creatively on a personal level in the outside world. Take stock of how your skills are used and improve on them. What deeper understanding do you have? What are your internal resources? All these things must be developed, then over a period of time there is gradual gain in personal resources internal and

external. The 5 of Wands shows an energy that is slow but powerful. "Pressure".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

One of the main concerns in this position is the education of the young and the growth of their psyches. The 5 of Wands represents the disciplinarian, one that can in fact be too harsh for what is deemed to be the right way. This can cause rebellion and violent outbursts, but generally fair play is in operation. In communication, attitude is important, but there is a dominant onesided approach in most forms of communication. When receiving the 5 of Wands under the above matters the querent is warned of a situation that is getting out of hand which must be rechannelled. There will be journeys, but journeys without detour, those with a single purpose in mind. It warns of the possible break up of long term relationships and the drawing away from close family members, with the reason as yet unseen. The Key word here is "Channelling" ones energies, as this is what the querent (or the subject of the query) must learn.

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in lifes directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

The 5 of Wands under the above matters warns of (current or future depending on question) a significant shift in ones life (or the object of the question). Emotions are withdrawn in affairs of the parents, security being of an internal source. This position shows that the home becomes a castle and that there is a lot of coming and going, regal affairs. The 5 of Wands advises the querent that direct action must be taken in your life for satisfactory survival, the first step being establishing a solid, secure home base to suit all needs. This does not necessarily mean the boundaries of the property you live, but your whole sphere of day to day activity. If this action is not taken the driving energies shown by the 5 of Wands can turn to destructive purposes rather than creative. "Construct".

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

In matters of children, there is delay in having them as ones independence may be hindered. Love is very powerful and lasting but withheld from expression. The 5 of Wands warns of the danger of excessiveness, not knowing when to stop. In whatever is done under the above matters the energy drive is relentless. This is a position of power for the 5 of Wands but such force must be reckoned with; no matter whether the event is for the good or bad, there will be strife before the end result; nothing gives without a struggle. On a lower level struggle and strife is an unwelcomed affair, but on the higher level such

energy is looked forward to as it becomes a powerfully creative force. "Excessiveness".

ON MATTERS OF sickness (generally due to work problems); employment; employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

Under the above matters the 5 of Wands shows that energies have become too intense within an environment. You have possibly driven yourself too long and too hard which leads to illness and accidents. Blood pressure goes up and the back starts playing up due to constant stress. Opinions are onesided thus causing disruption in the work environment. There is likely to be a change of employment, or if one is the employer, someone is likely to leave or be fired. No matter what the cost, determination to exploit talent (personal or of another) pushes a situation too far. Too much force saps vitality, therefore control and forethought of doing only what is necessary is advised. Self adjustment and organization wouldn't go amiss which the querent is more than capable of at Will. The key word for this position is "Strife".

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

When the 5 of Wands turns up here it depicts a time when all areas of life as regards relationships and contracts must be reviewed or redefined so that a clearer perspective can be taken. This invariably leads to a decision that must be made, the result of such can be very traumatic to those at the end of it. For the one making decisions there is no regret and they act very fast with single minded determinedness. "Time smiles and wets its knife, something must be got out quickly, then buried deep, you must live, get on with your life". Concerning competitors they are likely to be formidable, and social interaction can be distasteful but necessary for growth. The Key word is "Decision".

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

The 5 of Wands advises that sexual energies must be channelled as it is a period of sexual frustration. One must realize the value of retaining the sex force and learn to utilize it for constructive purposes. If this isn't realized, then the sexual factor is abused. The results of your past actions are now coming to the fore. Whether it is unfortunate or fortunate depends entirely on your past actions, beliefs and ideals. There is likely to be financial gain in the handling of others finances and dealings in legacies. There can also be litigation concerning the latter and heavy taxes or duties may have to be accounted for. However when the 5 of Wands is well aspected with the

surrounding cards skillful management wins out. On the spiritual and mystic side there are dreams of a distressing nature with a psychological effect that disturbs daily life. There may be a death. There is one thing the querent must learn, if he is to handle the energies of the 5 of Wands, and that is "Discipline".

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

Here the 5 of Wands advises that the best way to utilize ones creative potentials is to first get some formal education. There is the desire for status and positions of power. A great deal of attention is given to obtaining this. This also represents the teacher, and more likely one that travels and lectures. If the querent is not of this category, it shows that one may embark on a journey (internal or external) to gain greater understanding. The attending of lectures or travelling to a foreign country. The 5 of Wands represents and advises self improvement. It is like an inextinguishable burning furnace. To improve is a struggle for most people but nothing is gained, or changed without some sort of disturbance. "Improvement".

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

This position for the 5 of Wands shows the loss of a parent early in life, thereby forcing an early growth of independence accompanied with the setting of goals that one can identify with. The interpretation of this card can be taken on several levels under the above matters. It can represent a culmination of lifes goals creating a time of intensification; it can represent the hardships comprised in working towards ones ambitions and goals; or it can represent the shattering of ones ambitions and a necessity (before all falls apart) to restructure values etc. The word "values" is important in this position, for only the glory and status of reaching a powerful position is of importance in the initial stage. Soon that novelty wears off, then one begins to see clearer and finds emptiness after possibly years of dedication. "Values"

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government; counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

Revolution, rebellion, the commando, protest marches, and political groups are represented by the 5 of Wands under the above matters. On a personal level a firm stand is to be taken giving forth opinion. Ideals, beliefs and values are put into operation publically and personally, but it is easy to be wise for others than for thyself. It shows that there is a dominating factor making the decisions for a man or group of people. These groups unite and act out such ideals exclaiming these ideals to

the world. This is their way and they want all to be converted. A very one sided approach and politically a very oppressive approach, but an effective one when the numbers are on their side, as has been seen in the history of humanity. To "Express".

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

In the first position shown by the 5 of Wands it was time to get it together. Here the 5 of Wands says: its time to break it up and disperse it (whatever "it" is). In other words, all ambitions, values, priorities etc., which were once the directing force, now begin to dissolve. Their importance has outlived itself. During this time one feels disorientated, spaced out and confused until new values and attitudes have been consolidated. On a spiritual base it is a point where ideals and spiritual values are defined, or must be defined. This position also represents the break up of old attachments which have become excess baggage. Health will be on a low ebb when the 5 of Wands turns up here. Ones vitality will be pushed to an exhaustive state unless one treats this time as a waiting period, withdrawing into oneself to conserve what energy is left where one can search for inner strength. "Dissolution"

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5 of Wands: "Lord of Strife"

(First Stage Putrefaction - dying)

- In 1st position: "Restructuring"
- In 2nd position: "Pressure"
- In 3rd position: "Channelling"
- In 4th position: "Construct"
- In 5th position: "Excessiveness"
- In 6th position: "Strife"
- In 7th position: "Decision"
- In 8th position: "Discipline"
- In 9th position: "Improvement"
- In 10th position: "Values"
- In 11th position: "Express"
- In 12th position: "Dissolution"

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MEDITATION ON THE FIVE OF WANDS:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail. Study the colours.

Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations.

Write down your overall impression.

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exercise

Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.